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Federal Communications Commission

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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Sir:

In the matter of 1998 biennial Regulatory Review-Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's Amateur Service Rules, FCC WT Docket **98- 143** : I strongly recommend that the current 13 word per minute code requirement for General Class license be reduced to 5 words per **minute**. The current rules keep many **amateur** radio operators from enjoying the **full** range of spectrum available. In my own case, I have passed the written exam for General Class operations, only to be denied the privilege because my code speed **could** not make the 13 word per minute minimum. My own operations rarely use code, and consist almost entirely of voice communications. Please consider changing the current requirements so that thousands like me can join the amateur community on the many bands available in General Class operation.

Yours truly,



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